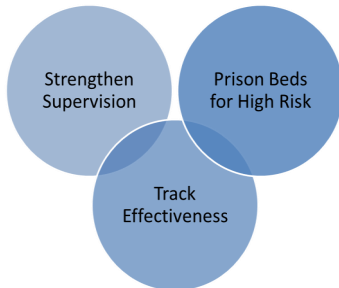




## Idaho Justice Reinvestment Initiative Update



Some of the first changes triggered by the passage of Senate Bill 1357 will soon become standard practice for probation and parole officers as the department publishes two new IDAPA Rules in November.

### STRENGTHENING SUPERVISION

One rule creates the Idaho Response Matrix. The matrix defines incentives for good behavior, and swift and certain response sanctions for violations. The Idaho Justice Reinvestment Initiative requires the matrix to strengthen supervision in Idaho.

The second rule defines the Limited Supervision Unit. The LSU provides an incentive for those doing well, and allows the agency to lower case loads so officers can focus on higher risk felons. A new on-line reporting system being developed will help streamline managing the probationers and parolees assigned to this unit. The goal is to expand the LSU case load from the current 280 offenders, to nearly 5,000 probationers and parolees.

### TRACK EFFECTIVENESS

A treatment gap analysis now underway will provide new data for decision-makers. The analysis will help identify if available treatment adequately serves identified offender needs. Increased substance use disorder funding helped to provide more treatment for parolees already this year. The gap analysis will be the first of four reports required by the new law.

The legislative oversight committee led by **Senator Patti Anne Lodge** and **Representative Rich Wills** will meet later this year.



## *Corrections Connections*



*The inaugural Corrections Connection meeting in August drew 40 attendees.*

BOISE—Director **Brent Reinke** says he is pleased with the turnout for the department's first Corrections Connection meeting, an event intended to connect offenders' family members and friends with IDOC staff and administrators.

"We've decided to kind of dip our toe in the water and start having what we're calling listening meetings or Corrections Connections meetings," Director Reinke said. "The goal is to try to understand what we don't know, to try to set the stage for some open communication."



*We want to start by listening.*

About 40 people turned out for the inaugural August 12 meeting in Boise. Most of the questions were related to issues facing incarcerated offenders. Another meeting is scheduled for September 30 in Pocatello's Marshall Library.

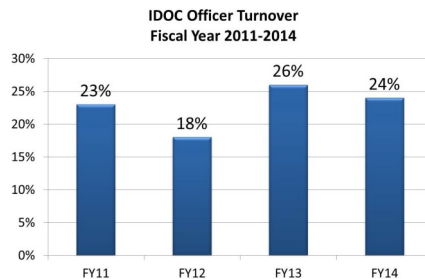


## News Briefs

### TURNOVER REMAINS HIGH

Correctional officer turnover continues to be a concern for the state prisons. Nearly a quarter of all correctional officers left the agency in 2014.

The main driver is low wages. Starting pay for a correctional officer is \$13.14 with an increase upon the completion of probation.



### PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT

PHOENIX—Director Brent Reinke met with corrections administrators from around the nation in September. Reinke outlined efforts to develop Idaho-specific Prison Rape Elimination Standards.



Idaho acted early to develop policies establishing **zero tolerance** for prison rape, and put PREA measures in place. When the standards were developed, they created new challenges.

Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter issued an executive order establishing a task force to develop IPREA standards that reflect the spirit of PREA. The task force includes representatives from adult and juvenile corrections, the sheriffs’ association, and State Appellate Public Defender.

Staffing requirements and county jail bed use are some of the concerns with the federal standards. PREA standards could add over \$6 million a year to staffing costs for the adult, juvenile and county jail systems in Idaho.

### A SIGN OF NEW TIMES

KUNA—The transition of the Idaho Correctional Center to state operations is now complete. A new sign was placed outside the facility in July.



*A sign with a state seal now marks the entrance to Idaho’s largest prison.*

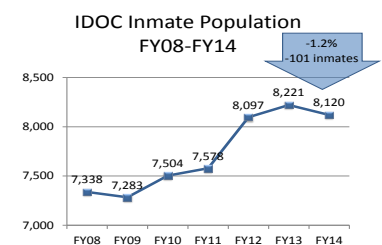
The Board of Correction welcomed Idaho State Correctional Center staff to state service during a July meeting at the prison. The Board also thanked the transition team for their hard work on the seamless transition.

Warden Randy Blades is planting grass at the facility and hopes to increase outside recreation opportunities.

### INMATE POPULATION DOWN

BOISE—Idaho’s inmate population dropped in FY14.

The year end count was 8,120 inmates, 101 fewer than the previous year.



*The Idaho Maximum Security Institution, in the lower left side of the photo, features the new energy-efficient lights.*

### NEW LIGHTS INSTALLED

BOISE—What a difference new lights make! IDOC recently installed new lights at the Idaho Maximum Security Institution. The blue hue provides better clarity when compared to the old yellow lighting at the Idaho State Correctional Institution.

The new lights also save electricity. When installed at all facilities, the new lighting systems will save about 1.6 million kilowatt hours of electricity each year, or approximately \$110,000.

The lighting systems are made by a Meridian-based company, Global Energy & Lighting.